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following information on the organization of the  
Czechoslovakian Cavalry

1. Cavalry Brigade:

a. The PARDUBICE (O 51/M 79) Cav Brig was the only one in  
the Czech Army.

b. The following officers were identified at the brigade  
headquarters:

General Bohumil KAPRAL, Communist, CG of the  
brigade

LtCol TOMANEK, not believed to be an active Communist, Dpty  
CO of the brigade

LtCol RIHA, member of the Communist Party

Staff Capt CERMEN, a Communist, indoctrination officer of  
the PARDUBICE military post

2d Lt SVITALSKY, a fanatical Communist, DOZ officer,

c. The brigade had the following component units:

1st Cav Bn in DASICE (O 51/M 89)  
2d Cav Bn in ROKYCANY (O 50/N 24)  
3rd Cav Bn in HODUNIN (P 59/S 87)  
4th Cav Bn in TOPOLCANY (P 59/T 64)  
Tng Bn in PARDUBICE  
Fifteen supply troops (Cav) in the following towns:

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DASICE (two troops)  
 BRNO (two troops - P 50/N 40)  
 BRATISLAVA (P 49/X 99) (one troop)  
 C. BUDERJOVICE (O 49/Q 96) (one troop)  
 LITOMERICE (N 51/F 53) (one troop)  
 BOHDANEC (O 51/M 61) (one remount troop)  
 JOSEFOV (O 51/G 82) (two troops)  
 ROKYCANY (two troops)  
 KOSICE (R 49/ E 34) (one troop)  
 TEREZIN (N 51/F 53) (one troop)  
 HODONIN (one troop).

## 2. Cavalry battalion:

a. Organization: Battalion headquarters

1st Cav Troop  
 2d Hv Tpn Troop  
 3rd MG Troop  
 Repl Tng Troop.

b. Cav Troop: Three platoons of three sections each. Each section consisted of a "reconnaissance unit" and "an attack unit", each unit numbering six men plus a unit leader. Each man has a horse and a submachine gun. Each section has one light machine gun.

c. Hv Tpn Troop: The equipment includes 32-mm AT guns.

d. MG Troop: Primarily equipped with type "37" heavy machine guns and type "26" light machine guns.

e. Repl Tng Troop: For replacement of men, horses and materiel.

## 3. PARDUBICE Tng Bn:

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b. Quarters: Cavalry Barracks on Palackeho Street, adjoining the Veselka Hotel.

c. CO: Lt Col Alois MAREL.

d. Organization:

(1) "Auxiliary Troop" of three platoons

CO: Staff Capt SVOBODA, a Communist.

(2) Reserve officer training course with 80 to 90 participants for a period of up to nine months.

(3) Cavalry course for older officers with 10 to 12 participants.

(4) Cavalry course for junior officers with 14 to 16 participants.

(5) Supply course for officers and regular NCOs with 20 to 25 participants for three months.

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(6) Bugler course with 25 to 30 participants.

All participants in the courses were politically screened by the DOZ officer. Their number constantly decreased because of expulsion from the courses.

e. Vehicles: One truck, one passenger car and six special supply vehicles of type "34".

f. Training: Combat training on foot and horseback. The battalion participated in the 1949 summer maneuvers in the KAISERWALD.

g. Specially appointed officers were intensively engaged in work relating to mobilization plans.

4. Other units in PARDUBICE (up to November 1949):

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a. Railroad Brigade [redacted] (previously a railroad regiment)\*\*

b. Signal regiment, commanded by Lt Col BRADA \*\*\*

c. Officer candidate school, commanded by LtCol HAVLU, attended by about 120 trainees (of the working classes) who received preparatory training for HRANICE (P 50/O 25) Military Academy. They were instructed by officers and civilians.

5. Military subdistrict headquarters (Krajske vojenske velitelstvi): Established in PARDUBICE during the second half of September 1949; superior to all military posts in the PARDUBICE district. The recruiting office in VYSUKE MYTO (O 50/N 08) was also moved to PARDUBICE in September 1949.

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\* No precise information has yet been available on the organization of the Czechoslovakian Cavalry. It was known that the Czech Cav Brig, commanded by General KAPRAL, was stationed in PARDUBICE, where it was confirmed up to early December 1949. The brigade [redacted] was confirmed up to mid-August 1949. It has been presumably changed since then. Credence is given to the statement that the Cav Brig has four units which, having the approximate strength of a battalion, are designated cavalry battalions, and one cavalry training battalion and 15 supply troops. The data on the cavalry training battalion appears credible. The battalion conducts training courses as they are conducted in other branches of service. It probably has the functions of a cavalry school of the Czech Army on which no information has been received.

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\*\* The PARDUBICE 1st "Bachmacky" RR Regt [redacted] had been confirmed up to July 1949. It included railroad operating and engineer units. It seems possible that the regiment may have been transformed into a brigade [redacted]

\*\*\* Presumably the 5th Sig Regt [redacted] which had been identified in PARDUBICE up to May 1948.

1 Annex: 1 Standard Manpower Questionnaire.

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